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Applicant: Yoichi IZUMI, et al. RESPONSE UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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## AMENDMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.116

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated November 14, 2007 having a three-month shortened statutory period for reply set to expire on February 14, 2008. Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the above-identified application.

Amendments to the claims begin on page 2 of this paper.

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